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With the manner how they would have poſſeſſed themſelves of that ſtrong City of *Limerick*, and the Caſtle thereof, in order to the receiving *French* Forces in the great River *Shanon*, and for their Landing there.

Expreſs'd in a LETTER from a Friend *virbatim*, dated in *Dublin* this 6th. of *December* 1679.

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In a LETTER to a Friend.

SIR,

BEing ſo long ſilent, (occaſioned as you ſhall another time hear) I could not in Modeſty have troubled you with this, had not both your Commands, (which yeſterday by accident I came to know) and the new as well as ſtrange Diſcovery I give you an account of, been powerful Interceders; but ſhortly you ſhall hear from me. Therefore without troubling you any further, know, That about a year ſince, there was ſome ſmall Diſcovery made againſt the Earl of *Tyrone*, in relation to a Plot in *Munſter:* On which he attended the Councel, and was for ſome time confined to his Chamber; but there being but one Witneſs, he was diſmiſſed his attendance for that time. Since then, on Thurſday laſt, he was committed to the Caſtle, on new Evidence, for the former Buſineſs. There is one *Bourke*, *Mac-Nemarre*, and *Fanagan*, come in as Evidences againſt him; all ſpeak much to the ſame purport, and the effect of all is, That he had engaged the Province of *Munſter*, (to wit, the *Roman* Party) in the Cauſe, and in a ſhort time doubted not to ſecure many others. The Caſtle and City of *Limerick* was to have been betrayed, and after this manner: There were to be Five hundred, beſides a Party in the City, Three Hundred whereof were to be lodged in the *Iriſh* Town without the Gates, and the other two hundred to be plac'd conveniently near the Caſtle, and in the morning when the Trevally beat, (at which time the Town-folks were preſumed to be drowſie, and in their Beds) the three hundred were to enter into the City, and on the Alarm, their Party within were to cut the Proteſtants Throats, and make themſelves Maſters of the City: And the other two hundred were plac'd as aforeſaid, to prevent any Succour from the Caſtle, and were likewiſe to endeavour the Surprize of that; and all this for the dear ſake of the *French* King, who was to have Landed in the great River of *Shanon* with an Army. Thus far all the Witneſſes agree; but *Mac-Nemarre*, who appears to be an Ingenuous perſon, goes farther, and produced a Liſt (as he ſays from the Earl) of a hundred of the principal perſons concerned, and ſaid (as I am informed) in Councel, If he made not out his Allegations, he would be content to have his Throat cut. He alſo gave an account how he became firſt concerned, being thus: The Earl taking him one day into his Lordſhips Garden, informed him that he had a buſineſs of great Weight to impart to him, and knew no perſon ſo qualified for ſuch an Undertaking as he was. And after promiſing him great Rewards, and propoſing a way how he ſhould not only get, but ſecure a conſiderable Eſtate; He was wrought upon, and did declare his readineſs to ſerve his Lordſhip in any thing, to the utmoſt extent both of his Life and Fortune. Whereupon his Lordſhip informed him of the whole Deſign of bringing in the *French* King, and laid open the feaſibleneſs of the thing: And *Mac-Nemarre* demanding, how they could deal with the Proteſtants, they being generally well

well furniſht with Arms, *&c.* and able to make a conſiderable defence; he ſaid, That his Party were about, and hoped in a ſhort time to effect the placing of *Iriſh* Servants in all Proteſtant Houſes, eſpecially in *Munſter*, and theſe Servants either to deliver againſt ſuch a day, the Keys, with the ſtamp in Clay, or fire the Houſes; and ſaid, In bringing in the *French* King, he would deſire only Eſtates to be ſecured for him and his Adherents, and the reſt of the Kingdom as the *Monſieur* thought fit, and by that means ſaid, he hoped to be revenged on that K— and enemy of his, *Ormond*, his Son *Oſſory*, and the Knave *Villers*, (who you may remember had a Suit with him.) This is all I can yet learn of this Affair, only that one *Reyly*, (as I remember) Cornet to the D. *O.* Troop, is ſo far engaged in the Buſineſs, as to have a promiſe from the Earl to be a Major, a large ſtep, if he overſtride not himſelf. I hear of a new Witneſs this day come in againſt the Earl. Likewiſe there is one *Plunket*, titular Primate of *Ireland*, committed, on the former Proclamation for Papiſts departing, *&c.*

POSTSCRIPT.

HEre are different Apprehenſions of the Authors of this Plot, if not of the Plot it ſelf, ſome believing as the proſecutors make out, others conſidering what wretched Endeavours have been lately with you, by ſiniſter and indirect means in the Papiſts, to lay their villainous Plots upon the Proteſtants, do ſuppoſe that the Earl of *Tyrone* is dealt withal by theſe his proſecutors, as your ſuppoſed Presbyterians were to have been dealt withal by their proſecutors, had they ſucceeded; the Earl having many years ſince openly avowed himſelf a Proteſtant, and by many noble Services both by Sea and Land, demonſtrated himſelf a loyal and valiant Subject to his Majeſty, whom God preſerve, and defend from all his Enemies. This is all at preſent from,

Your affectionate Friend,

W. S.

Dublin,
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